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## IN THE PUBLIC VIEW



Hon. Charles Murphy,  
The new Secretary of State.

THE name of Murphy is a new one in Canadian politics. No Cabinet Minister of that name has ever held a portfolio. The new Secretary of State who will soon be sworn in to succeed Hon. R. W. Scott resembles Mr. Mackenzie King in this peculiar way—that neither has he been in Parliament but is now a Minister; though of course Mr. King's portfolio depends more vitally upon his election in North Waterloo. The other day the Premier had occasion at Russell to say some very pointed things about his selection of Mr. Murphy for the Secretaryship. However, Mr. Charles Murphy is a man of large capabilities and will prob-

ably live down what objections have been urged against him by western interests who felt that there were worthy Irishmen west of Ottawa who should have made good Cabinet material.

The new Secretary of State is just about half the age of the old. Mr. Murphy was born forty-four years ago in Ottawa, where he has been a good Liberal and a good lawyer most of the time since. His father was a contractor who built the Pembina branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway. In his early final years at Ottawa University, Mr. Murphy won a gold medal from Pope Leo XIII. for an original thesis in philosophy—though he was more active than philosophical in college life, being first president of the athletic association and prominent in both football and debating societies—which have a good deal in common as Mr. Murphy is likely to discover before he has been Secretary of State one session. However, Mr. Murphy has been in the political football game a good while; though he has never been member of Parliament, he has served in a variety of Liberal offices from ward chairman to president of the Ontario Liberal Federation. He is now the representative from Eastern Ontario on the Executive of the Ontario Reform Association. In his legal practice Mr. Murphy has branched out a good deal, being solicitor for a large number of companies, while for several years he has been honorary solicitor for the Children's Aid Society.

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STAUNCH upholder of Bordenism is Mr. J. G. H. Bergeron, member for Beauharnois. Last summer Mr. Bergeron did some months of an entourage with the Conservative leader enunciating the Halifax platform from coast to coast; in the salt-smelling maritime and in the wheat-lands; in the fabled cow country under the foot-hills

and the mining camps that huddle among the mountains. Mr. Bergeron has that bull-dog jaw which is not always found on a Frenchman, but when it is—! Also his second Christian name is Gideon. He has been a fighter; a wielder of truncheons and broadswords; a lawyer—member of the firm Bastien, Bergeron and Cousineau; elected to Parliament the year the National Policy was adopted and thrice again; but defeated in 1900; afterwards protests and contests and unseatings in various by-elections till at the last general Mr. Bergeron was seated as member for Beauharnois. In the event of Bordenism and the Halifax platform succeeding he will be heard from in very definite fashion early in the new era.



Mr. J. G. H. Bergeron,  
Member for Beauharnois.

OF outstanding prominence among all members for the West of either party is Mr. D. C. Cameron, Liberal candidate for Winnipeg. It is not his politics that distinguishes Mr. Cameron; but if he gets elected he will no doubt help to distinguish politics.

Mr. Cameron is one of Winnipeg's biggest men—in fact one of the biggest commercial figures in the entire West. He is the employer of three thousand men. His interests extend from Kenora to the Pacific. He has to do with the basal interests of the country—lumber and iron. He has been in the West nearly thirty years, and when he went there was no C. P. R. and he was a stranded young man of twenty-six; had been casually a lumberman down around Vankleek Hill, Ontario. But the timber limits on the Ottawa were pretty well taken up when Mr. Cameron decided to pull out to a country where a man might engage in other industries besides lumbering. Brandon was his first objective. There he did street grading and logging on the local rivers

—sort of baby performance compared to pine logging on the Ottawa. In a few years he moved to Rat Portage, which is now called Kenora, but is still, as it was in the early days the town of Cameron, where his smokestacks and sawdust burners punctuate the night landscape with fire. Here far from the lap of civilisation Mr. Cameron laid the basis of a huge industry; here he entered municipal life both as councillor and mayor, by which time—in 1891—he was one of the biggest employers of labour in the West. Second year of his mayoralty of Rat Portage, Mr. Cameron became member for Fort William and Lake of the Woods, in which election he defeated Dr. Smellie—in a day when the Ross Government had but four of a majority. In the Legislature he did a good deal for his home town—including the big new bridge, municipal ownership of the telephones and electric lights, and the present system of water-power construction. At that time he was offered millions by an American syndicate to sell out, but he refused, choosing to remain in active connection with a country which he had done a great deal to build up. Personally Mr. Cameron is a very attractive man. He is over six feet tall and has a distinguished bearing. If elected to the House of Commons he will be one of the most influential men in the House.

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MR. J. D. MONK too—another Montrealer and as different in facial type from Mr. Bergeron as Sir Wilfrid Laurier is from Mr. Borden. He has been heard from very succinctly for years

now in Parliament, not least it will be remembered during the Boer War, when he hotly opposed Mr. Bourassa on the subject of Imperialism and contingents. Now Mr. Monk and Mr. Bourassa are not so poles-wide asunder in policy. He is a younger hand at the political game than Mr. Bergeron; has been in Parliament only since Sir Wilfrid came into power; has been much of a scholar—professor of constitutional law in Laval University and a man of such type of mind as Sir Louis Jette. His father was a justice; Mr. Monk cannot well be lost sight of in view of any overturning of the Government. He is a splendid speaker and a man of great tact as well as personal charm. Though a man of deep convictions and fighting propensities he stands for what is chivalric in public and private life.



Mr. F. D. Monk,  
Member for Jacques Cartier, Montreal.